

Remember Bridesburg Community Pride Week

October 16-22nd • Do Your Share!

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Taking part in Community Pride Week? Home improvements can pay off

Add a porch, install a fireplace, or landscape your property and you may end up with a more valuable home and a reduced tax bill, as well as decreased tax liability when you sell your home.

If you need to borrow in order to pay for your home improvements, your best choice is probably a home equity loan, a second mortgage, or refinancing. Depending on various factors, you may be able to deduct the interest on loans secured by your first or second home. On the other hand, if you pay for home improvements with your credit card or a personal loan, you can deduct only 40 percent of interest paid in 1988, 20 percent in 1989, 10 percent in 1990, and none thereafter.

On a more positive note, any capital improvement you make—regardless of the method of payment—increases the cost basis of your residence and decreases your taxable profit when you sell your home. Note that capital improvements are not the same as repair or maintenance activities, such as painting walls or fixing a broken window pane. To qualify as a capital improvement, a project must add to the property's value, prolong its life, or adapt it to a new use. Repairs just maintain the home in acceptable condition.

To substantiate your home-improvement expenses, keep a file of canceled checks, credit card bills, contractor invoices, receipts for materials, before and after photographs, and loan agreements. Don't forget to document the small, do-it-yourself projects, such as installing a new mailbox, paving your driveway, or hooking up an automatic garage-door opener.

Once you decide on a source of funding, and the amount of money you can afford to spend, focus on the various remodeling projects under consideration. Which home improvements would yield the greatest return on your investment?

When it comes to remodeling, individuality has its drawbacks. To one homeowner, a hot tub built into the back porch may be the height of luxury, while to another such a set-up may seem outlandish. If your only concern is creating a home in which you can happily live the rest of your life, by all means, improve your home in whatever way you choose. But if you are concerned about resale value, remember that conformity can pay off when it comes time to sell.

Projects that elevate your property value well out of the neighborhood's norm, for example, are not likely to recover modeling costs. On the other hand, you would do well to bring your house up to par by adding on a second garage in an area dominated by two-car garages. As a general rule, don't expect to sell your house for more than 20 percent above the average in your area.

Certain improvements consistently provide the best recovery of cost. Update your kitchen by adding more cabinets or more counter space and you will often recover the expense spent on the renovation. Other enhancements that generally return 80 to 100 percent of their cost include a second bathroom, skylights, and expanded closet space. If you already have one, a fireplace, particularly a new energy-efficient heating fireplace, is one of the best investments you can make.

And don't forget that other energy-conservation measures, such as installing new windows or insulating your attic, can lower your fuel costs and deliver a return on your investments even if you don't sell.

Abandoned barrels labeled "dangerous" concern neighbors

To Helen Anderson, Editor
Bridesburg Bulletin

First, we would like to thank the Bridesburg Bulletin for its help. Recently the Bridesburg Civic Association addressed the clean up of the Tacony Trucking terminal at Thompson and Juniata Sts. We note the clean up has started, but an issue of importance has risen.

A close inspection of the allegedly abandoned trailers on the property show them containing barrels. The trailers are marked dangerous on the outside. We feel the community has a right and a need to know what is being stored inside these trailers.

The trailers at one time belonged to Adley Express Co., Specter Freight Lines and Transamerican. We have asked councilwoman Krajewski and State Representative Kosinski to contact the local authorities and the State Police to investigate the status of these trailers.

Thank you again for your assistance.

Concerned neighbors
who care about the Burg.

October 3, 1989

Dear Neighbor:

Please be advised the Civic Association has contacted the United States Environmental Protection Agency in regards to the problem at the old Tacony/McCollough Trucking Terminal. At this time we are advised there is no need to panic.

The Congressional Reactions panel for the EPA has advised there has been an emergency appropriation of \$84,000,000 to clean up sites that have been advised are basically paint residues and/or paint solvents. The EPA is currently taking up the matter. They are over-sighted all drums that are showing any signs of leakage or possible leaking.

There are about 400 drums. They will sample each to be certain of its contents and then arrange for proper disposal. They are taking standard precautions, as they would in any unknown spill or contamination site. There is no current need for any evacuation plan. The

yard is to be secured and guarded during the removal and sampling process.

State Rep. Gerard Kosinski contacted the Pa. DEP who called to the EPA. He has confirmed his interest in the matter by his personal attention on the telephone and on the site at Thompson and Juniata Sts.

Sincerely,

Anthony M. Radocaj

Clean up starts at Tacony Truck Terminal

The Bridesburg Civic Association, after being contacted by several of its members and their neighbors in the area of Thompson and Arlenford Sts., have contacted the offices of State Representative Gerry Kosinski, 8th District Councilwoman Joann Krajewski, and Council-at-Large Member Thatcher Longstrech to assist them in having the Tacony Trucking Terminal at Juniata and Thompson Sts. cleaned up. Reaction to the Civic's request was prompt.

"The staff in each of these elected officials should be praised," stated Civic's Vice President Tony Radocaj. "They have continued to follow up on this matter, the problems of missing stop signs, and the areas of concern at Bank Transport on Almond St. were quickly handled. The staff of both council members and Kosinski, personally, have telephoned to check on the results." Radocaj further stated he has assurances that additional follow up will continue.



A worker dismantling the damaged trailer at Ross Transport on Almond St.



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Letters:

To the Bulletin:

We, the congregation of Emmanuel United Church of Christ, 3028 Elmore St., would like to invite our friends and neighbors to share in the worship and fellowship we have as brothers and sisters in Christ. We meet for worship Sunday mornings, 10 A.M. followed by Sunday School at 11:15. Come out and see what enjoying in the Lord is all about.

Sincerely,

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

A letter to my neighbors:

I never would have thought I would be writing to the newspaper to complain, but I never thought things would get so out of hand.

I am complaining about 2 houses on the Orthodox Street end of the 4400 block of Garden Street. There are at any given time at least 12 kids hanging out on the steps. They are very noisy and destructive and they leave trash all over the street. At night you can't watch your TV with your front door open because of the noise. They are ignorant to the fact that there are many young children, sick and elderly people who go to bed early and are disturbed by the noise. Everyday the neighbors have to go out and clean up the trash blown on their properties by these kids. But the kids shouldn't carry all the blame, they hang there because there is no parental supervision. We, as residents of Garden Street are tired of it. Where are the parents? Don't parents teach respect anymore?

Signed,

A fed up neighbor

Oldies Back To School Nite

Northeast Catholic High School and Little Flower High School will be sponsoring an "Oldies Back To School Night" filled with music from the past. Please entertain and join us for a fun filled evening.

Date: Saturday, October 22, 1996; Time: 8:30 to 12:30; Place: Northeast Catholic Cafeteria; Cost: \$12.50 per person.

For tickets: Contact North Catholic High School, Father John McGee 822-1234; Little Flower High School, Sister Susan 453-0000; Leo 831-9881; Marge 288-2149; and Bernadette 288-7508.

Storyline features phone stories for children

As part of its Home Education Learning Project (HELP), the School District of Philadelphia has resumed the operation of STORYLINE, a tape service that allows children in pre-school through third grade to hear their favorite stories over the telephone.

STORYLINE operates Monday through Thursday evenings from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Simply by calling 298-7161 children will be able to hear their all-time favorites read to them by professional storytellers in an exciting and entertaining manner.

Each story is approximately four minutes long. Two new stories will be added each month.

Children at the district's pre-school programs and elementary schools will be given cartoon-like strips that will enable them to follow along with the story as it is being read. Teachers will then use prepared materials to generate classroom discussions and other related activities.

STORYLINE is open to students in public, parochial and private schools. For more information, contact the Office of Instruction, 298-2839.

Moscow Circus Trip

The De Sales Guild is sponsoring a trip to the spectacular Moscow Circus at the Spectra on Wednesday, October 12th. Prior to the performance, a full course meal will be served at the Chart House at Penn's Landing, with the following choice of entrees: prime rib of beef, lobster thermidor with crab Imperial or chicken terrine. Bus leaves North Catholic High School at 4:15 p.m. and will return about 10:30 p.m. If interested, please send your name, address, phone number and choice of entree, together with full payment, (\$35.50 per person) to Regis Francis, 1000 N. Thompson St., Philadelphia, PA 19107. Please make checks payable to the De Sales Guild. No phone orders please.

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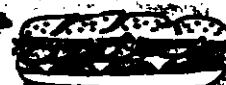
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